

## CUSKIN TELS OF CONFERENCE

**Says He Did Not Give Premier to Understand That He Would Re-Enter Cabinet**

The expected excitement did not materialize yesterday in the Legislature as a result of the resignations of Messrs. Cross and Buchanan. The building was again filled to capacity and the doors were locked to the general public some time before the speaker took the chair.

There was no statement from the premier in answer to a question from Mr. Bennett as to whether the reports of the resignations were correct. The only information vouchsafed by the prime minister was that a statement would be made at the

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at present.

was left over until today. It may bring the present crisis to a climax.

In accordance with an intimation given by R. B. Bennett some days ago, the members of the committee on elections and privileges, investigating the right of J. K. Cornwall, Peace River, to vote on the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway question of last week, it being contended that he was an interested party.

The only incident out of the ordinary yesterday was the statement of W. H. Cushing, calling attention to incorrect statements and misrepresentation of his attitude, which appeared in the Morning News of the 10th volume.

**Unpleasant Appearances on Arriving.**—Before the business of the afternoon session of the Senate could be taken up, the President would have to call attention to a matter which was reported in a local newspaper. It is seldom in my experience that I have called attention to what is published in a newspaper. I have, however, given for reports of the transactions of the House, and everything in connection therewith.

An item of news in the Morning Journal, however, requires some comment. The paper in question is a newspaper which publishes matter of an entirely incorrect nature, and will lead out to the country false impressions, while it is its duty to try to set a solution to the difficulty which

I only want to deal with the statement in the article that I didn't seem to know my own mind and had 'double crossed' the premier. I want to say that I have never 'double crossed' anybody to my knowledge. I say here to the members before the House have done nothing to influence any member except by my statements made on the floor. If any member thinks I have, let him say so now. I gave out no statement of what happened as a result of my conference with the premier.

The facts are that Premier Rutherford came to me and made a proposal if I would go back the attorney general would retire. I stated to him the situation had reached such a point where two in a room could not breathe it out. He thought his proposal would be satisfactory to all.

**Willing to Help Premier.**  
told the premier I was willing to account of my personal friendship with him; to do anything I could, but did not see how his plan could be carried out. I promised him to consult those who supported me, and again in the governor's office, after the case and reached the conclusions. I again promised to consult with those who were hostile on the matter and would communicate with him. I brought the matter before them and told them in judgment the proposal would not remedy the situation. They agreed that this is the situation and occurred. I suppose, from now or else from some other source,

article was manufactured." H. Bennett remarked that Mr. Ing had said he had consulted those who voted against the A. W. Railway contract. In order there might be no misunderstanding he wished to remark that neither he nor his colleagues to the immediate had been consulted.

Cushing: "I should have said suited with the Liberal members voted as I did.

**The Premier Reticent.**

Butterfield remarked that it was unnecessary for him to make any observations. He paid little attention to what appeared in the papers. The papers were usual to him. The previous night he had received a telephone call from a newspaper and had answered that he had nothing to say. Yesterday morning he had told the same thing to a number of reporters, and nothing in connection with the present situation had come from him. Anything he had to say would be said in the

and from his own desk. "I have nothing to say now," he added, as the members waited exactly for some statement with reference to the present situation. After adjournment Mr. Bennett brought up the reported resignations of the cabinet ministers. He had stated that two of the cabinet resigned from the government.













## MANITOBA ELEVATOR BILL IS DISCUSSED

Member of the Government Committed to Strongly Oppose the Government's Proposed Bill for Elevator Slashing Speech.

Winnipeg, Mar. 9.—Nearly the whole of yesterday's session of the Manitoba legislature was devoted to the second reading of the proposed elevator slashing bill. The government's bill provides a system of public control over the grain elevators, and a wide diversity of opinion was expressed. George Brown, a member of the opposition, came out in support of the bill, and a carefully considered speech he expressed his opposition to the proposed government elevator bill. He said he had seen, and was able to come to the conclusion that such a system as outlined in the bill would entail an annual cost of \$125,000 to the province. Unless he was able to find a way to save the province from this cost, he would vote against the bill.

Mr. Brown stated with the proposed bill to build elevators on the basis of a 60 per cent. portion as he thought every part of the province should be within range of the elevator. As for the argument about the cost, Mr. Brown thought that all coming should be done at home. The farmers had all the time there was to build elevators.

Prepared to Swallow It. J. W. Robson, Swan River, Conservative, was prepared to swallow the bill. He had no objection to any clause and considered the bill preferable to the one adopted by the Grain Elevator association. He thought too much had been claimed for the Manitoba grain act, and he thought that if that act had been properly administered there would be no necessity to give up the leading platform. The elevator would be a success.

Mr. Robson stated that he thought that even if 100 per cent. of the farmers in all districts petitioned for an elevator and needed them, they would not all their grain to it they would not be bound on it.

One of the best and brightest speeches of the day was that of John Williams, Arthur, a farmer from the position, who criticized the government's proposal. He pointed out that the government's proposal was a failure, and he pointed out that the government's proposal was a failure, and he pointed out that the government's proposal was a failure.

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## WITH THE FARMERS

CHICAGO, GRAIN MARKETS.

Chicago, Ill., March 9.—It is known that the grain market is suffering because of a short crop this year. The above question was heard at the Chicago market today, as the price of grain steadily upward, in the face of small offerings in the big grain market. The grain market was on a high level, and the price of grain was on a high level.

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## MINISTERS MUST FARM TO EKE OUT EXISTENCE

Lamentable Condition of Presbyterianism in the United States.

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